

Senate Study Bill 1075 - Introduced

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BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to judicial salaries.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.1501, Code 2015, is amended by
2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 **602.1501 Judicial salaries.**

5 1. The salaries provided for in this section shall be paid
6 from funds allocated to the judicial branch from the salary
7 adjustment fund in section 8.43, or if the allocation is not
8 sufficient, from funds appropriated to the judicial branch.

9 a. The chief justice of the supreme court shall receive the
10 salary set by the general assembly.

11 b. All justices of the supreme court other than the chief
12 justice shall receive the same salary as set by the general
13 assembly.

14 c. The chief judge of the court of appeals shall receive the
15 salary set by the supreme court.

16 d. All judges of the court of appeals other than the chief
17 judge shall receive the same salary as set by the supreme
18 court.

19 e. The chief judges of all judicial districts shall receive
20 the same salary as set by the supreme court.

21 f. All district judges shall receive the same salary as set
22 by the supreme court.

23 g. All district associate judges shall receive the same
24 salary as set by the supreme court.

25 h. All full-time associate juvenile judges and all full-time
26 associate probate judges shall receive the same salary as set
27 by the supreme court.

28 i. All magistrates shall receive the same salary as set by
29 the supreme court, subject to section 602.6402.

30 j. All senior judges shall receive the same salary as set by
31 the supreme court, subject to section 602.9204.

32 2. This section is effective for the fiscal year beginning
33 July 1, 2016, and for every fiscal year thereafter until
34 otherwise provided by the general assembly.

35 Sec. 2. Section 602.9104, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code

1 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2 a. A judge to whom this article applies shall be paid an
3 amount equal to the basic salary of the judge as set by the
4 ~~general assembly~~ pursuant to section 602.1501 reduced by an
5 amount designated as the judge's required contribution to the
6 judicial retirement fund. The amount designated as the judge's
7 required contribution shall be paid by the state in the manner
8 provided in subsection 2.

9 Sec. 3. Section 602.9204, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
10 2015, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. A judge who retires on or after July 1, 1994, and who is
12 appointed a senior judge under section 602.9203 shall be paid a
13 salary as ~~determined by the general assembly~~ set pursuant to
14 section 602.1501.

EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill relates to judicial salaries. The bill specifies
19 that salaries for the justices of the supreme court shall
20 continue to be set by the general assembly, and specifies that
21 salaries for the judges of the court of appeals, district
22 judges, district associate judges, associate juvenile judges,
23 associate probate judges, magistrates, and senior judges shall
24 be set by the supreme court. The bill further specifies that
25 the salaries shall be paid from funds allocated to the judicial
26 branch from the salary adjustment fund in Code section 8.43, or
27 if the allocation is not sufficient, from funds appropriated
28 to the judicial branch.

29 Under current law, judicial salaries are set by the general
30 assembly. Current judicial salaries are specified in 2013 Iowa
31 Acts, chapter 140, section 40.